

Norman H. Bangerter, Governor Dee C. Hansen, Executive Director Dianne R. Nielson, Ph.D., Division Director

355. W. North Temple • 3 Triad Center • Suite 350 • Salt Lake City, UT 84180-1203 • 801-538-5340

October 21, 1985

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED P-592-429-517

Mr. Andrew C. King Mine Engineer, Permitting Genwal Coal Company P.O. Box 1201 Huntington, Utah 84528

Dear Mr. King:

Re: Request for Incidental Boundary Change, Tract I Lease, Genwal Coal Company, Crandall Canyon Mine, ACT/015/032, Folder #3 & 4, Carbon County, Utah

The Division has reviewed your letter dated October 9, 1985 which requests approval for an "Emergency Incidental Boundary Change" to permit Genwal Coal Company (Genwal) to continue underground mining and development activities at the current production levels. The request solicits the Division's approval to permit Genwal to extend underground development into the Tract II Lease area which would involve approximately ten (10) acres of underground coal. The Tract II Lease Permit Application Package (PAP) involves approximately seventy-seven (77.53) acres overall. Both the Tract I and Tract II lease acreages (83.64 and 77.53 respectively) constitute the Federal Coal Lease SL-062648.

UMC 788.12 (d) requires an operator to permit additional area(s) outside of an approved permit area by application for a new permit. Incidental Boundary Changes are exempted from this requirement. Genwal has applied for a new permit to add an additional amount of underground coal acreage (Tract II) to the approved permit area (Tract I). This new permit is currently under Division review. Given Genwal's present productivity rates, it is unlikely that this permit will be issued to extend underground mining into Tract II before the Tract I mineable reserves are exhausted.

Page 2 Mr. Andrew King ACT/015/032 October 21, 1985

The Division is reviewing Genwal's request and has directed copies of the same to the Office of Surface Mining (OSM) and to the U.S. Forest Service for their review and comment. It is our understanding that Genwal has met with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) seeking their concurrence and approval for this proposal. Genwal has indicated that the BLM has verbally informed the company that the proposal will likely be approved and that a letter would be forthcoming.

The Division's final decision of this application will be delayed until we receive comments or formal written concurrence from the respective regulatory agencies. We have asked for their comments or notification by October 28, 1985.

Should you have questions concerning this review, please contact Lowell Braxton or D. Wayne Hedberg of my staff.

Best regards,

Dianne R. Nielson Director

DWH:jvb

cc: Allen D. Klein Reed Christensen Ken May Wayne Hedberg

Joe Helfrich Sue Linner

8992R-69-70